

Clean Version of Replacement Paragraphs/Sections/Claims

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- A1
1. (Amended) A composite fire stop article comprising:
- (a) an interior insulating material; and
  - (b) an intumescent material arranged around at least a portion of said interior insulating material, said intumescent material consisting essentially of filler material, binder material, and a hydrated alkali-metal silicate intumescent component;

wherein a plurality of said fire stop articles can be used to create a fire stop in an opening having an area of greater than 300 square inches and a concrete substrate for adhesion capable of passing a hose stream test in accordance with ASTM Test E814 without secondary reinforcement.

Please add the following new claim:

- A2
14. (New) A method of fire stopping a through-penetration in a wall, comprising the steps of arranging a plurality of fire stop articles each including an interior insulating material and an intumescent material arranged around at least a portion of said interior insulating material, said intumescent material consisting essentially of filler material, binder material, and a hydrated alkali metal silicate intumescent component, wherein the fire stop barrier is capable of passing a hose stream test in accordance with ASTM Test E814 for an opening having an area of greater than 300 square inches and a concrete substrate for adhesion without secondary reinforcement.